5 <u>ABSTRACT</u>

An ampoule for use with an administering device such as an injection or infusion apparatus, at least two recognition elements associated with the ampoule, each of which at least two recognition elements can be arranged in one of at least two predetermined positions relative to the ampoule, wherein the at least two predetermined positions are asymmetrically located relative to the ampoule, and an administering device such as an injection or infusion apparatus which can be coupled to the ampoule. In one embodiment, the administering device has at least two associated sensors at predetermined positions in order to recognize the arrangement of the at least two recognition elements associated with an ampoule and, in another embodiment, the administering device has at least one sensor which can be moved relative to an ampoule.

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